

ATTOR OF ROSES.

Louisville Courier-Journal.] Lay the soft petals by, In the dark closet; Crushed where the light doth die Sweet odors mingling vie— Attar of roses.

MISSISSIPPI STATE GRANGE.

Officers of the State Grange.

The following officers of the State Grange were present at the late meeting at Holly Springs, Miss. Put Darden, Master, Fayette, Jefferson County. A. M. Hicks, Overseer, Benton, Yazoo County. C. W. Gill, Lecturer, Oxford, Lafayette County. W. L. Williams, Secretary, Renss, Alcorn County. H. O. Dixon, Treasurer, Jackson, Hinds County. T. J. Abby, Steward, Port Gibson, Claiborne County. E. Moore, Asst. Steward, Calhoun County. L. S. Terry, Gate Keeper, Kosciusko, Attala County. Mrs. Abby, Lady Asst. Steward, Claiborne County. Mrs. Darden, Pomona, Jefferson County. Brother John Robertson was re-elected on the Executive Committee and Bro. T. J. Abby was elected to fill the place of Bro. Thos. C. Wilkins, who had expired. Bro. Abby having been elected a member of the Executive Committee, resigned the office of Steward, which necessitated the election of an officer for his unexpired term. Bro. E. Wall of Hinds County, was elected to fill the vacancy.

Resolutions of the State Grange.

Resolved, That the State Grange of Mississippi respectfully petition the Legislature of the State in the following matters of importance, in regard to the agricultural interests of the State: We think that the time has arrived in the progress of the country, for the passage of some well guarded stock, or no fence law, whereby growing crops in certain portions of the State may be protected without requiring the owners thereof to fence their lands, and also requiring the owners of stock to care for them and be responsible for neglect to do so.

2nd. We believe that under the law, as at present, the people are greatly disturbed and excited with political elections; that one general election every two years is sufficient, and that we petition the Legislature to so change the present constitution relating to elections, as to have an election every two years.

3rd. We insist that the Legislature of the State shall establish an Agricultural College, in accordance with the intention of the act of Congress appropriating the proceeds of the sale of public lands in the State for the purpose of the same, and further delay will be quietly tolerated by the agriculturists of the State.

Resolved, That our Legislature be memorialized to take action regulating tariff and tariff remission on the railroads within her limits.

Whereas, the revenue laws exempt certain species and amounts of personal property from taxation, thereby increasing the burden on real estate, be it resolved, that the Legislature be requested to pass such law as will place the burden of taxation on all property alike.

A COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

A Commissioner of Agriculture would be one of the most important and valuable adjuncts to the State Government, and as the agricultural and industrial classes pay nearly nine-tenths of the taxes, they should have a representation in the councils of the State.

To show the importance of the office, it can be illustrated by some of the duties the Commissioner should be required to perform: He should collect and arrange in book or pamphlet form, with maps, the most accurate geographical, agricultural, mechanical and statistical information of every portion of the State, separately for each county. Under the separate head of each county, such statistics and information of the general resources of the State, and how they can best be developed, are some of the subjects upon which the Commissioner should be requested to report.

Who can estimate the value to Mississippi of a thorough and complete report of the above and kindred subjects, correctly compiled and authentically reported by a competent and truthful State Commissioner?

Novel Way of Making Jelly Cakes.

Take the whites of six eggs, one cup of white sugar, same of flour, one teaspoonful of butter, two tablespoonsful of sweet milk, two tablespoonsful cream of tartar and one of soda. Bake in a large oblong dripping pan, so the cake will be very thin; meanwhile stir another batch, making just the same, with the same, with the exception of using the yolks instead of the whites; when both are done, spread them warm with jelly, or preserves of any kind; put together, bring the largest side of the cake toward you, and roll immediately, or cut in four or eight parts, together, by alternately putting jelly between each layer, and frost lightly over the top. Another method is to make three pans, making the third layer of one-third red-sand sugar, proceeding the same as for the first layers; in putting together let the first layer be the yellow, made of the yolks, then the red, and lastly the whites. Nicely frosted the top, and you have a beautiful cake as well as a delicious one. They are very pretty made into rolls.

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Originality in Farming.

There are two ways in which a farmer may manage his business. He may observe definite rules without regard to varying circumstances, or he may be guided by his own judgment and regulate his own operations according to conditions. There is a tendency among a large class of farmers to be guided by maxims which they have received from their fathers. They plant their corn and wheat as nearly as possible on stated days or at stated times of the moon. They hoe and cultivate their corn a given number of times without much regard to the condition of the soil, and in all the details of farm work they keep as nearly as possible in the old track, believing that the only safe one.

When we consider the variety of circumstances under which the same crops are raised in different localities, it is evident that no rules can be given for their management that it will be best to follow in all cases. There are fields of corn that will thrive and produce well with very little culture, while others that are nearly ruined by quick grass and thistles, without very thorough cultivation. Sometimes the weeds are of such a kind that a smoothing harrow is the best implement that can be used for destroying them, while at others the time-honored corn plow is the only instrument that will prove effective. Unless the farmer uses judgment in the management of his corn he will not always get it at the least cost per bushel.

The same may be said of every department of farm labor. The old rules may be safe, but there is sometimes a better way, and the farmer who can look beyond, and see when his practice—and it may be varied with profit—has as much advantage over others. There is much to be learned from the success of others, and it is often noticed that the farmer who does the most hard work does not always succeed the best.

This is because they do too little thinking. The question should always be, "How can I apply my labor so as to be most effective?" Many farmers accomplish more with their heads than with their hands.

There is an opportunity for originality not only in the management of crops, but as well in all the appurtenances of the farm.—Drigo Rural.

Clover on the Farm.

A correspondent of the American Cultivator, in an article on "Clover and Clover Seed," and its value in the improvement of the farm, holds the following: We think that the time has arrived in the progress of the country, for the passage of some well guarded stock, or no fence law, whereby growing crops in certain portions of the State may be protected without requiring the owners thereof to fence their lands, and also requiring the owners of stock to care for them and be responsible for neglect to do so.

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